GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2972
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2003
REGULATION OF DOMESTIC AIRLINES
M.H. AMBAREESH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has directed the DirectorGeneral Civil Aviation to conduct a study regarding the operation of domestic airlines;

(b) if so, the details of existing guidelines for the domestic airlines;

(c) whether the Government propose to cut down operation of domestic airlines on uneconomical routes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) Government have constituted a committee on 23.9.2003 under the Chairmanship of Director General of Civil Aviation(DGCA) to review the Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG).

(b) A copy of the RDG is attached at Annexure.

(c) and (d):- Government has laid down Route DispersalGuidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability A s such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government.

ANNEXURE-I

No. AV-11012/2/94-A
Government of India
Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism
(Department of Civil Aviation)

B Block, Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan,
Safdarjung Airport, Aurobindo Marg,
New Delhi-11003. Dated: 1-3-1994

O R D E R

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (1A) of rule 134 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937; the CentralGovernment, with a view to achieving better regulation of air transport services and taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions in the country, hereby direct that every operator operating any scheduled air transport service within the country on any route specified in annex hereto, under category-1, shall be required to provide a minimum of scheduled air transport service on routes indicated in category II and III in theannex. For rendering the prescribed minimum service on routes in Category II and III, an operator may at his option provide the service either by aircraft in his fleet or with aircraft any other operator's fleet on mutually agreed terms. In the latter case; the arrangements shall have prior approval of the Director General of Civil Aviation.

Sd/-
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PROVISION OF SERVICES OF DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF ROUTES.

CATEGORY-I

Routes Connecting Directly

BOMBAY- BANGALORE
CALCUTTA-DELHI
BOMBAY-CALCUTTA
CALCUTTA-BANGALORE
BOMBAY-DELHI
CALCUTTA-MADRAS
BOMBAY-HYDERABAD
DELHI-BANGALORE
BOMBAY-MADRAS
DELHI-HYDERABAD
BOMBAY-TRIVANDRUM
DELHI-MADRAS

CATEGORY-II

Routes connecting stations in North-Eastern region, Jammu and Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep.

CATEGORY-III

Routes other than those in Category-I and Category-II.

Any one who operates scheduled air transport service and one or more of the routes under Category-I, shall be required to provide such service in categories-II & III as indicated below:-

The operator will deploy on routes in category-II at least 10% of the capacity he deploys on routes in category-I and of the capacity thus required to be deployed on Category-IIroutes, at least 10% would be deployed on services or segments thereof operated exclusively within the North-Eastern region, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep.

The operator will deploy on routes in Category-III, at least 50% of the capacity he deploys on routes in Category-I.

Note 1: A service operated on a Category-I route as a part of international air service will not be reckoned for the above purpose.

Note 2: Capacity deployed will be reckoned in Available Seat Kilometres (ASKM)

Note 3: Onmultiple sector routes like Delhi-Calcutta-Guwahati-Imphal,the capacity provided o n Delhi-Calcutta sector will count towards Category-I, thatprovided o n Calcutta-Guwahati sector will count towards Category-IIand the capacity on Guwhati-Imphal sector will count towards service exclusively within Category-II.